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This paper is to serve as authorization to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) to the MI-SWACO Deposit Account No. 13-3082, Reference No. PA-00412US.

It is respectfully requested that the listed items be considered in the examination of this application and identified on the list of references cited on the patent issuing on this application. Applicant further requests that an initialed copy of the enclosed FORM 1449 be entered into the application file wrapper and returned to the applicants with the next communication from the Office in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

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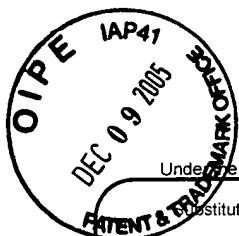
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In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion, reconsideration, and allowance of the claims.

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